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For: Method for Genome Mining For Secreted Protein Genes

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Before the above-captioned application is taken up for examination, entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested (a marked up version pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.21 is attached hereto):

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute the following amended claims for the pending claims having the same claim numbers:

3. (Amended.) The method of claim 1, wherein positive clones are isolated and subjected to at least one additional screening step.

4. (Amended.) The method of claim 1, wherein positive clones are subjected to at least one additional screening comprising cultivating said positive clones and assaying them in a second immunoassay using the same antibodies as used in the first immunoassay to eliminate possible false positives.